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NWTN FCA Fundraising Banquet

The Northwest Tennessee Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently hosted a successful and inspiring Fundraising Banquet, bringing together supporters, coaches, student athletes, and community leaders to celebrate the impact of FCA across Northwest Tennessee. Guest speaker Jason Simpson, head football coach at UT Martin, shared an encouraging message, while three student

testimonies and two coach testimonies provided powerful firsthand accounts of how FCA is making a difference in the lives of students and coaches. A special highlight of the evening was Keri Lannom presenting Barry Reed with the Influence Print Award in recognition of his tremendous contributions to FCA throughout the years. Barry, a Tom Landry Donor, continues to demonstrate an incredible commitment to supporting the mission of FCA and helping influence the next generation for Christ.



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Huddles!



UCMS with Travis Rutland, head football coach, who spoke to their campus huddle with 130 present, a new record! This is over one quarter of the entire school!



Dresden Middle's campus huddle had over 100 students present this week!



South Gibson Middle's campus huddle with about 130 students present!



Dyersburg High School's Leadership team getting prepared for the semester of sharing the gospel!



Keri Lannom leading at Bruceton Central High School's campus huddle.



Union City MS's first campus huddle of the year. Austin Atwill, their Huddle Leader, spoke about free will and making good choices with 116 students present.



Far Left: Two of the Halls HS cheerleaders spent time in the word with their Area FCA Rep, Kim Decker.



Trenton Rosenwald Middle school's campus huddle had 55 kids present and David Draper, their huddle leader, spoke on Genesis 3 and the fall of man.

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Coaches Corner



CAM RICKERS

**ASSISTANT MEN'S
BASKETBALL COACH**



Cam Rickers is the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Dyersburg State Community College.

He comes to DSCC from Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Ga. He began his coaching career at Limestone University.

Coach Cam lives out his faith every day.

He has a passion for helping players reach their goals on the court, and to help grow their faith.

Coach Rickers recently stated we are grateful for the support of FCA and Mrs. Kim. They do so much to support our student athletes and to encourage their faith. They always make our players feel at home when they arrive and continue to help them grow their faith on and off the court throughout the entire school year.



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Below: UCMS campus huddle with 120 students and speaker, Tracy Bruff. He spoke on Ephesians 4, You don't always have to follow the crowd, Speak Truth, Handle Anger, Avoid Bitterness, Be kind and forgive.



Below, Taylor Hill, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, shares the gospel with the Milan Middle school campus huddle.



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Team Character Clinics!



Halls HS Boys BSKB had a great devotion time on integrity!

Gibson County's football meal and FCA devotional led by Todd Kirk.



Coach Randy Barnes spoke to the Union City Middle school football team prior to their game with Trenton Rosenwald Middle school. Here, Coach Barnes leads them in prayer.



All of these groups participated in FCA devotions at the Junior High Jamboree held at 3 Oaks MS.



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College Ministry!



Above, Dyersburg state community college athletic orientation. FCA was blessed to share and be a part of it with over 180 athletes present.



Left, Kim Decker with Coach Lessa and the DSCC Women's Soccer team.

Right, FCA character coach gives the devotion for the Bethel football team.



Left, FCA Area Rep, Nick Glenn on UTM radio.



Right, the Bethel University football team prays together after practice, led by head Coach Chris Springer.

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